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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 31 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

9.45 a.m. (sharp) — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

East Timor (including a teleconference link with the Secretary-General)

Other matters

Morning* — 4401st meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia (S/2001/963)

Morning** — 4402nd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Women and peace and security

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* To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4401st meeting.

(continued overleaf)

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

Morning*	4403rd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in East Timor

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (S/2001/983 and Corr.1)

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* To be held following the adjournment of the 4402nd meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1267 (1999) CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN

3 p.m.	7th (closed) meeting*	Conference Room 7

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately after the meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	34th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	35th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [49]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); *item 65* (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); *item 66* (A/56/29 (Supp. 1.), A/C.1/56/L.22.); *item 67* (A/C.1/56/L.9); *item 68* (A/C.1/56/L.41/Rev.1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3/Rev.1); *item 70* (A/ C.1/56/L.13); *item 73* (A/C.1/56/L.7); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/348, A/56/360, A/56/182, A/56/165 and Add.1, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/408, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130, and Add.1, A/C.1/56/5, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.16, L.54, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.34, L.52, L.35*, L.55, L.39, L.40, L.44/Rev.1, L.46, L.47, L.49 and L.51/Rev.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/56/378-S/2000/890, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.18, L.29, L.53 and L.50); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); *item* 77 (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); *item 78* (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43*); *item 79* (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); *item 81* (A/C.1/56/L.11); *item 82* (A/C.1/56/5, A/C.1/56/L.10/Rev.1); *item 84* (A/C.1/56/L.23)

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3, Add.1 and Add.2, A/C.1/56/4, A/C.1/56/5 and A/ C.1/56/INF.1, Add.1 and Add.1/Rev.1]

5 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 2

Ceremony of presentation of the 2001 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship certificates

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 21st meeting — Conference Room 4

Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/56/115-E/2001/92, A/56/115/Corr.1-E/2001/92/Corr.1, A/56/189, A/56/74, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/304, A/56/303, A/56/318, A/56/358, A/56/395)

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction (A/56/68 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 and 3, A/56/76-E/2001/54, A/56/306, A/C.2/56/2)

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/56/175, A/56/306)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/56/126)

(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action of Small Island Developing States (A/56/170, A/56/306)

(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/56/129)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103)

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* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m. — 26th meeting — Conference Room 1

3 p.m.-6 p.m. — 27th meeting — Conference Room 1

Organization of work

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [117] (A/56/3, A/56/18, A/56/481, A/56/228, A/56/71, A/56/79, A/56/94)

Right of peoples to self-determination [118] (A/56/295, A/56/224, A/56/462)

Introduction and general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. — 21st meeting — Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Human resources management [126]

Consultants (A/55/321, A/55/451, A/55/59 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Delegation of authority (A/55/857 and Add.1 and A/56/7)

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m. — informal consultations (closed) — Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 and 133 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 and Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations: Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1 and A/56/478))

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* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003):

Part II: Political affairs *(continued)*:
Section 3: Political affairs
Section 4: Disarmament
Section 5: Peacekeeping operations
Section 6: Peaceful uses of outer space

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Sections 3-6), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part III: International justice and international law:
Section 7: International Court of Justice
Section 8: Legal affairs

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Sections 7-8), A/C.5/56/11, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part IV:
Section 9: Economic and social affairs
Section 10: Africa: New Agenda for Development
Section 11: Trade and development
Section 11 A: Trade and development
Section 12: Environment
Section 13: Human settlements
Section 14: Crime prevention and criminal justice
Section 15: International drug control

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Sections 9-15), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162] (A/56/10 and Corr.1)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session: Interorganizational security measures: implementation of Section II of General Assembly resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000 entitled "Safety and Security of United Nations personnel"

2. Draft reports

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 31 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) *today*, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 31 october 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 31 October 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on Beijing+5 and agenda item 117 (Racism and racial discrimination))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on agenda sub-item 99 (b) (Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system))

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification (at the request of some delegations))

1.45 a.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ (*Second Committee) today*, 31 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held *today*, 31 October 2001, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion to commemorate the first anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), organized by the Inter-agency Task Force on Women, Peace and Security, *today*, 31 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The panel will include Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Political Affairs; Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Peace- keeping Operations; Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Disarmament Affairs; Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Under-Secretary-General, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; and Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, UNTAET (East Timor). The moderator will be Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and Chair of the Task Force. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. Secretariat staff interested are asked to enter the Economic and Social Council Chamber from the entrance nearest to the Security Council Chamber (South end). Non-governmental organizations interested to attend should contact the NGO Working Group on Women and International Peace and Security (tel: (212) 551-2739).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 1 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) will be held on Thursday, 1 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday and Friday, 1 and 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Challenges and Changes in Public Administration around the World", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. The moderator will be Mr. Guido Bertucci, Director of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration. Introductory presentations will be made by Mr. Michael Duggett, Director-General of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences; and H.E. Mr. Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza, outgoing President of the Institute. Presentations will also be made by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Atangana Mebara, Minister of Higher Education, Cameroon; Professor Gérard Timsit, Director of the Centre of Studies and Research on Administration, University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, France; Ms. María del Carmen Pardo, Researcher at the Colegio de México, Mexico; Professor Andrew Massey, Professor of Government, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom; and Professor O.P. Dwivedi, Professor of Public and Environmental Administration, University of Guelph, Canada.

A detailed programme of the event can be found on the Internet (http:www.unpan.org/webcast2001_11.asp). Live coverage of the event will also be available at the same address.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Globalization and the State", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will act as moderator. Presentations will be made by H.E. Professor Apolo R. Nsibambi, Prime Minister, Uganda; H.E. Don Jesús Posada Moreno, Minister of Public Administration, Spain; H.E. Mr. Carlos Genatios, Minister for Science and Technology, Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal, former Ambassador of Pakistan to the United Nations; and Professor Anthony Giddens, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.

A detailed programme of the event can be found on the Internet (http:www.unpan.org/webcast2001_11.asp). Live coverage of the event will also be available at the same address.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The 2001 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Friday, 2 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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There will be closed meetings of the Mason Group on Thursday, 1 November, and on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on agenda sub-item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))* on Thursday, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on the Ministerial Declaration)* on Thursday and Friday, 1 and 2 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Wealth Creation" on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Roem 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in charge of Cooperation for Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4400th (private) meeting

The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/2001/1008)

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4400th meeting, held in private on 30 October 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled "The situation in Georgia".

"In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President invited the Minister of Special Affairs of Georgia and the representative of Belgium.

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Dieter Boden, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia.

"The Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia briefed the Council.

"The members of the Council, the Minister of Special Affairs of Georgia, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia, and the representative of Belgium had a constructive discussion."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

32nd plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of H.E. Mr. Ismat Kittani, President of the thirty-sixth session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Sudan (on behalf of the African States), Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Asian States), Georgia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Haiti (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Ireland (on behalf of the Western European and other States), the United States (as host country) and Iraq.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.1) [8]

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session an additional item entitled "United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage, 2002" and to consider the additional item directly in plenary meeting.

Report of the International Court of Justice [13]

(a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/56/4)

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/456)

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice (A/56/4).

The President of the International Court of Justice made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Peru, Costa Rica, Malaysia, Singapore, Mexico, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, China, Spain, Japan, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea and Cameroon.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 13.

33rd plenary meeting

United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations: draft resolution (A/56/L.6) [25]

The Assembly decided to waive the relevant provision of rule 78 of the rules of procedures and decided to consider draft resolution A/56/L.6.

The General Assembly decided to adopt draft resolution A/56/L.6 (resolution 56/3).

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [49]

Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia, Japan, Algeria, Belgium, Peru, Singapore, Egypt, the Netherlands, the United States, India, Slovenia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the United Kingdom, Namibia, the Philippines, Portugal and Cuba.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that agenda item 26 (Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children) would be taken up at a later date to consider draft resolution A/56/L.7.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Thematic discussion on items subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84

The Committee concluded its second phase of work (thematic discussion on items subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Statements were made by the representatives of Gabon, Yemen and Indonesia. The representative of Sri Lanka introduced the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean.

The representative of Nepal introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.50.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries) introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/56/L.18, A/C.1/56/L.19, A/C.1/56/L.20, A/C.1/56/L.21, A/C.1/56/L.22 and A/C.1/56/L.23.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.30.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.13.

The representative of Myanmar introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.44/Rev.1.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.39.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.3/Rev.1.

The representative of Hungary introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.11.

The representative of Jamaica introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.4.

The Secretary of the Committee informed delegations that the following Member States had become cosponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/56/L.12, Afghanistan, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Haiti, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, Nauru and Zambia; A/C.1/56/L.13, Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Namibia, Pakistan, Sierra Leone and Zambia; A/C.1/56/L.14, Afghanistan, Costa Rica, Haiti, Madagascar, Namibia, Sierra Leone and Zambia; A.C.1/56/L.15, Ireland; A/C.1/56/L.24, Jamaica and Papua New Guinea; A/C.1/56/L.30, Malta; A/C.1/56/L.34, Jamaica; A/C.1/56/ L.37, Albania, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; A/C.1/56/L.40, Papua New Guinea; A/C.1/56/L.41, United States of America; A/C.1/56/L.45, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea and Qatar; A/C.1/56/L.47, Croatia, Jamaica, Papua New Guinea and Mali.

18th meeting

The Committee commenced the third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.5 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.12 was adopted by 90 votes to 42,with 11 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.14 was adopted by 89 votes to 43, with 13 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.15 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.17 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.26 was adopted by 94 votes to none, with 52 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.31 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.38 was adopted by 141 votes to 1, with 3 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.45 was adopted as follows :operative paragraph 1 was adopted by 139 votes to 4, with 2 abstentions; the draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 99 votes to 28 with 19 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.48, was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.32 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.33/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

SECOND COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Canada, Oman, Nepal, Thailand, Chile (on behalf of the Rio Group), El Salvador (on behalf of the Central American Countries, Belize and the Dominican Republic), the Czech Republic, Venezuela, Belize (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Iceland, China, Mexico, Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia, Brazil, Kuwait, Algeria, India and Andorra.

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Labour Organisation and the World Bank

20th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item, and heard statements by the representatives of Peru, Suriname, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

The Under-Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs replied to queries raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 98 as a whole, and of sub-item (a).

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action of Small Island Developing States

(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items and heard introductory statements by the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the Convention to Combat Desertification, the Director and the Director of International strategy for disaster reduction and the Programme Officer of the Convention on Biological Diversity

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Russian Federation, Japan, Israel, Venezuela, Nigeria, Barbados and South Africa, and by the observer for Switzerland.

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee reminded delegations that the panel on the theme "Implementing Agenda 21 in a Globalizing World - Risks and Opportunities", scheduled for the following day at 11.30 a.m., had been cancelled. He also reminded the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under item 98 as a whole and sub-item (a) was set for Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.15/Rev.1

The representative of the United States introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Angola, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ethiopia, France, Georgia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malawi, the Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mongolia, Namibia, Norway, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine and Yugoslavia, the draft resolution and corrected the text. Subsequently, Micronesia (Federated States of), Sierra Leone and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.17/Rev.1

The representative of Italy introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Bulgaria, Colombia, Ecuador, Israel, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Turkey, the draft resolution and orally corrected the text. Subsequently, Fiji, Guatemala, Kenya, New Zealand and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [112]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.20

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.21

The representative of Suriname introduced, also on behalf of the Dominican Republic, as well as Belize, the Congo and Mongolia, the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.22

The representative of Australia introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Panama and Solomon Islands, the draft resolution. Subsequently, Burundi, the Dominican Republic, Madagascar, Suriname, Venezuela and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.23

The representative of the Netherlands introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Ecuador, El Salvador, Eritrea, Grenada, Guyana, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Malta, Micronesia (Federated States of), Morocco, Mozambique, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Trinidad and Tobago and Vanuatu, the draft resolution and noted that Mauritania, as mentioned in the original list of sponsors, should have been Mauritius. Subsequently, Belarus, Burundi and Cambodia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.25

The representative of Jamaica introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Japan, Mali, the Marshall Islands, Mongolia, New Zealand, Singapore and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the draft resolution. Subsequently, Burundi, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Kenya, Madagascar, Sierra Leone and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.26

The representative of Finland introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, a well as Bulgaria, Cuba, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Turkey, the draft resolution. Subsequently, Panama, Sierra Leone, Suriname and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.27

The representative of the Philippines introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document,as well as Indonesia, Morocco and Pakistan, the draft resolution and orally corrected the text. Subsequently, Argentina, Croatia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Israel, Madagascar and Sierra Leone joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [116]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Guatemala (on behalf of Central American Group and the Dominican Republic), Mexico, Peru, Belize (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Fiji, Suriname and South Africa.

The representative of the World Intellectual Property Organization also made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 116.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the question of a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

The representative of the Republic of Korea made a statement.

Human resources management [126]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

Consultants (A/55/321, A/55/451, A/55/59 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Delegation of authority (A/55/857 and Add.1 and A/56/7)

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Statements were then made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 30 OCTOBER 2001

1978th and 1979th (closed) meetings

The Committee adopted the concluding observations of the Switzerland.

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convenant [7]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Acceptance: Norway (25 October 2001)*

Protocol on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority. Kingston, 27 March 1998

Ratification: Czech Republic (26 October 2001)*

Agreement on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. New York, 23 May 1997

Accession: Czech Republic (26 October 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Azerbaijan (26 October 2001)*

Signature: Colombia (30 October 2001)

Signature: Japan (30 October 2001)

Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby-Traps and Other Devices as amended on 3 May 1996 (Protocol II as amended on 3 May 1996) annexed to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons which may be deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to have Indiscriminate Effects. Geneva, 3 May 1996

Consent to be bound: Guatemala (29 October 2001)*

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "World Youth Forum Follow-up". Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be held on Thursday, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 1 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 36th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [49]

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up areas".

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 4

1. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [87] (A/56/13 and Add.1, A/56/290, A/56/375, A/56/382, A/56/420, A/56/421, A/56/430, A/55/1021)

   General debate

2. Organization of work

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 1

Right of peoples to self-determination [118] (A/56/295, A/56/224, A/56/462)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 29th meeting Conference Room 1

International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [109]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6/Rev.1

Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.15/Rev.1 and L.17/Rev.1

Advancement of women [112]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.23 and L.25 to L.27

Right of peoples to self-determination [118] (A/56/295, A/56/224, A/56/462)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (Human resources management: Consultants (A/55/321, A/55/451, A/55/59 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16); Delegation of authority (A/55/857 and Add.1 and A/56/7); and Young professionals (A/55/798 and Add.1 and A/56/7))

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003):

Part IV: International cooperation for development:
Section 9: Economic and social affairs
Section 10: Africa: New Agenda for Development
Section 11: Trade and development
Section 11 A: Trade and development
Section 12: Environment
Section 13: Human settlements
Section 14: Crime prevention and criminal justice
Section 15: International drug control

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Sections 9-15), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 14th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162] (A/56/10 and Corr.1)

Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property [160]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.7

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. 15th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Standards of accommodation for air travel

2. Working paper on the Counter-Terrorism Committee established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1373 (2001) (28 September 2001)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 1 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39
(Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) will be held *today*, 1 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Challenges and Changes in Public Administration around the World", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. The moderator will be Mr. Guido Bertucci, Director of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration. Introductory presentations will be made by Mr. Michael Duggett, Director-General of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences; and H.E. Mr. Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza, outgoing President of the Institute. Presentations will also be made by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Atangana Mebara, Minister of Higher Education, Cameroon; Professor Gérard Timsit, Director of the Centre of Studies and Research on Administration, University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, France; Ms. Maria del Carmen Pardo, Researcher at the Colegio de México, Mexico; Professor Andrew Massey, Professor of Government, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom; and Professor O.P. Dwivedi, Professor of Public and Environmental Administration, University of Guelph, Canada.

A detailed programme of the event can be found on the Internet (http:www.unpan.org/webcast2001_11.asp). Live coverage of the event will also be available at the same address.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), *today*, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 1 November 2001

GROUP OF 77
(on the statement on the Panel for globalization)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(agenda item 117 (Racism and racial discrimination))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP
(experts on Sixth Committee matters)

12 noon- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND THE SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda sub-item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a closed meeting of the Mason Group *today*, 1 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group of the Least Developed Countries, organized by the delegation of Haiti, *today*, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the European Union, organized by the delegation of Belgium, *today*, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Women's Voices to Rebuild Afghanistan", organized by the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), *today*, 1 November 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM, will make opening remarks. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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As from *today*, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect *today*, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 2 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 1

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Conference Room 4

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	16th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Tuesday, 6 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Globalization and the State", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will act as moderator. Presentations will be made by H.E. Professor Apolo R. Nsibambi, Prime Minister, Uganda; H.E. Don Jesús Posada Moreno, Minister of Public Administration, Spain; H.E. Mr. Carlos Genatios, Minister for Science and Technology, Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal, former Ambassador of Pakistan to the United Nations; and Professor Anthony Giddens, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.

A detailed programme of the event can be found on the Internet (http:www.unpan.org/webcast2001_11.asp). Live coverage of the event will also be available at the same address.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 119 (Human rights questions), beginning on Thursday, 8 November 2001, as follows:

On Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967). At 3 p.m.: Mrs. Marie-Thérèse Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Mr. Gerhart R. Baum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan). In addition, the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo will be introduced by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights;

On Friday, 9 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); and Mr. José Cutileiro (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Francis Deng (Representative of the Secretary-General on the protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons); and Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food);

On Monday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

Informal consultations on agenda item 113

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and the full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and of the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly", chaired by Mr. Carlos Enrique García González (El Salvador), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, will be held on Friday, 2 November 2001,at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The 2001 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Friday, 2 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022; fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

The announcements in this section are reproduced as received. The designations employed do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on the Ministerial Declaration)* Friday, 2 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

There will be meetings of the Group of 77 *(on agenda item 117 (Racism and racial discrimination))* on Friday, 2 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Mason Group on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Wealth Creation" on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in charge of Cooperation for Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 31 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4401st meeting

The situation in Somalia

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Somalia (S/2001/963)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/30).

4402nd meeting

Women and peace and security

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/31).

4403rd meeting

The situation in East Timor

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (S/2001/983 and Corr.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Mozambique, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea and Thailand, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Special Representative and Transitional Administrator for East Timor, Mr. Mari Alkatiri, Chief Minister of the Second Transitional Government of East Timor, Mr. Mats Karlsson, Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs of the World Bank, and Mr. Zephirin Diabre, Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, without the right to vote.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

The Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Special Representative and Transitional Administrator for East Timor.

The Council also heard statements under rule 39 by the Chief Minister of the Second Transitional Government of East Timor, the Vice-President for External Affairs and United Nations Affairs of the World Bank and the Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

Statements were made by the representatives of Singapore, Jamaica, China, France, the Russian Federation and Mauritius.

The representative of Singapore made a statement on a point of clarification.

Statements were then made by the United Kingdom, the United States, Mali, Norway and Colombia.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon the resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Tunisia and Ukraine, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Ireland.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA countries belonging to the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein, which aligned themselves with the statement), Portugal, Japan, Australia, Thailand, the Philippines, Fiji, Brazil, Cambodia, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei Darussalam, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Mozambique and Mexico.

Mr. Vieira de Mello responded to comments and questions posed by the members of the Council.

Mr. Alkatiri made a further statement.

The President made a concluding statement.

4404th meeting

The situation in East Timor

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (S/2001/983 and Corr.1)

The Council continued its consideration of the item.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/32).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

34th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [49]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 49.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kuwait, Italy, New Zealand, Argentina, Belarus, Germany, Brazil, San Marino, Guatemala, Ukraine, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Tunisia, Spain, Ireland, the United Arab Emirates, Brunei Darussalam and Armenia.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly of the following changes to the programme of work: agenda item 23 (Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal), that was scheduled for Friday morning, 2 November 2001, would instead be taken up on Tuesday morning, 11 December 2001; agenda item 171 (Observance of the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict), originally scheduled for Tuesday morning, 6 November 2001, would now be taken up on Monday morning, 5 November 2001, as the second item; and the announcement of voluntary contributions to the 2001 programmes of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, originally scheduled for Tuesday, 4 December 2001, would now take place on Friday, 7 December 2001 at 11 a.m.

35th plenary meeting

Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [49]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 49.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, China, Mexico, Poland, Nigeria, Canada, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Korea, Uruguay, Slovakia, Turkey, France, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Thailand, Ghana, the Czech Republic, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Madagascar, Myanmar, Croatia and South Africa.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 19th meeting

The Committee continued the third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced revised draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.1/Rev.1.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.34 was adopted by 121 votes to none, with 19 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.51/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.27 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.28 was adopted by 138 votes to 1, with 1 abstention.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.30 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.42 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.4 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.19 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.36 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.46 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.13 was adopted by 86 votes to 42, with 16 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.20 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.21 was adopted by 141 votes to none, with 4 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.22 was adopted by 105 votes to 3, with 37 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.39* was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/56/L.23 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.37 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.41/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

20th meeting

The Committee continued the third stage of work (action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.6.

Draft decision A.C.1/56/L.11 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.40 was adopted as follows: operative paragraph 4 (b), by 123 votes to 4, with 13 abstentions; operative paragraph 6, by 123 votes to none, with 17 abstentions; the draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 121 votes to none, with 22 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.50 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.3/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

SECOND COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa)

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action of Small Island Developing States

(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Zimbabwe, Ecuador, Mongolia, Trinidad and Tobago, Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, the Republic of Korea, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS)) and Egypt.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (SCRC) made a statement.

The Chairman read out the recommendations contained in the Economic and Social Council resolution 2001/35 regarding sub-item 98 (b) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction).

The Chairman informed the Committee that because there were no inscriptions on the list of speakers for the next two meetings scheduled under the cluster, the meetings had been cancelled. The Chairman thus declared that the Committee had concluded its general discussion of agenda item 98, namely, sub-items (b), (c) (d), (e) and (g).

Organization of work

The Chairman of the Committee reminded delegations that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda sub-items 98 (b), (c), (d), (e) and (g), was Friday, 2 November 2001, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Organization of work

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee agreed that its consideration of item 117 (Racism and racial discrimination) would not begin until the report of the World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance had been issued. The Committee agreed that it would begin its consideration of item 118 (Right of peoples to self-determination) as scheduled. The splitting of the joint consideration of agenda items 117 and 118 was as a result of extraordinary circumstances and did not constitute a precedent.

Right of peoples to self-determination [118]

The Committee began its consideration of the item. A statement was made by the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination, in which the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Cuba, took part.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt and China.

A statement was also made by the observer for Palestine.

27th meeting

Right of peoples to self-determination [118]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives Ukraine, Israel and Liechtenstein.

Right of reply

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the observer for Palestine.

Organization of work

The chairman made a statement about the organization of the Committee's work.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 25th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2001/210, p.14):

(a) Under *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.21*, Barbados should be added as a cosponsor;

(b) Under *Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.23*, Peru should be added as joining in sponsoring the draft resolution.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

The Committee continued its general discussion of the question of a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the Russian Federation, China, Ukraine, the United States, Argentina, Norway, Morocco, Algeria, Ghana, Nepal, Cuba, India and the Dominican Republic.

The Controller replied to questions raised during the general discussion.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Human resources management [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Consultants (A/55/321, A/55/451, A/55/59 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Delegation of authority (A/55/857 and Add.1 and A/56/7)

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Azerbaijan, Saudi Arabia, Cuba and the Russian Federation.

Following a proposal by the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these questions. as well as the question of "Young professionals", would begin on Thursday, 1 November 2001, in the morning.

Organization of work

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 12th meeting

Visit by the President of the International Court of Justice

The Chairman spoke.

The President of the International Court of Justice, Judge Gilbert Guillaume, made a statement.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Belarus, South Africa (on behalf of SADC), the Netherlands, Bahrain, Spain, Australia, Singapore and Germany.

13th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria, Italy, Israel, Mali, Poland, Nepal and Cyprus.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2001

1980th and 1981st (closed) meetings

Consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol to the Convenant [7]

The Committee considered the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Accession: Malawi (26 October 2001)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Malawi (26 October 2001)*

Acceptance: Azerbaijan (31 October 2001)*

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "World Youth Forum Follow-up". Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be held *today*, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The briefings are organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI). For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel.: (212) 963-1859).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 1 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Chairmen of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 2001 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Uganda
H.E. Mr. Matia Mulumba Semakula Kiwanuka

Asian States:
Syrian Arab Republic
H.E. Mr. Mikhail Wehbe

Eastern European States:
Hungary
H.E. Mr. André Erdös

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Honduras
H.E. Mr. Ángel Edmundo Orellana Mercado

Western European and other States:
Iceland
H.E. Mr. Thorsteinn Ingólfsson

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